

II. Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim [[1]] 9, ~~further comprising wherein~~ a housing wall of the airbag module adjacent to the ventilation duct forms a dividing wall for the ventilation duct and, when the airbag module is triggered, the dividing wall moves into the ventilation duct in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel leading from the airbag module to the ventilation outlet.
3. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim [[1]] 9, ~~further comprising in that the~~ wherein a dividing wall of the ventilation duct is adjacent to the airbag module and forms a housing wall for the airbag module and ~~[[that.]]~~ when the airbag module is triggered, the dividing wall moves into the ventilation duct in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel leading from the airbag module to the ventilation outlet.
4. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim [[3]] 9, ~~further comprising in that~~ wherein the airbag module is arranged laterally next to the ventilation duct and ~~that the~~ a dividing and housing wall, located adjacent to the airbag module and forming a housing wall for the airbag module, swings into the ventilation duct around a fixed point.

5. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3, further comprising in that for a motor vehicle having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind an instrument panel, and an airbag module which is fastened behind the instrument panel and having a gas generator and a folded airbag and further having a ventilation outlet opening which is closed by a grill, the assembly further having a dividing wall of the ventilation duct adjacent to the airbag module and forming a housing wall for the airbag module, and further wherein the ventilation outlet partially overlaps the airbag module, and that a further wherein a region of the dividing wall that faces the instrument panel forms a diagonal kink leading to an edge of the ventilation outlet located adjacent the module, and wherein the dividing and housing wall running runs behind the ventilation outlet, the assembly comprising the airbag module being arranged adjacent to the ventilation duct in such a manner that, when the airbag module is triggered, the dividing wall moves into the ventilation duct in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel leading from the airbag module to the ventilation outlet, such that the airbag unfolds into the ventilation duct and from there unfolds out of the instrument panel through the ventilation outlet opening, the pressure of the unfolding airbag moving away the grill arranged within the instrument panel.

6. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 5, ~~further comprising in that~~ wherein the kink is dimensioned such that the kink fits into place on an opposite edge of the ventilation outlet during the swinging of the dividing wall, thus forming and delimiting the escape channel for the unfolding airbag.

7. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim [[3]]9, ~~further comprising in that~~ wherein the airbag module is arranged on a side of [[a]] ~~the~~ ventilation duct opposite the instrument panel .

8. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 7, ~~further comprising in that~~ wherein the airbag module is designed L-shaped with a first section located laterally next to the ventilation duct and a second section located on the side of the ventilation duct opposite the instrument panel , ~~the dividing walls of the ventilation duct (12)~~ adjacent to the swinging and further wherein a dividing wall, located adjacent to the airbag module and forming a housing wall for the airbag module, is integrally joined together over the first and second sections, and swings into the ventilation duct when the airbag module is triggered.

9. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1 further comprising in that a partition wall for a motor vehicle having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind an instrument panel, and an airbag module which is fastened behind the instrument panel and having a gas generator and a folded airbag arranged within a housing, ~~of the airbag module divides the airbag which is folded into the housing, the airbag housing having within it a partition wall arranged to divide the airbag~~ into a first and a second package, the first folding package being arranged adjacent to the ventilation outlet ~~which is closed by a grill, the assembly comprising the airbag module being arranged adjacent to the ventilation duct in such a manner that, when the airbag module is triggered, the airbag unfolds into the ventilation duct and from there unfolds out of the instrument panel through the ventilation outlet opening, the pressure of the unfolding airbag moving away the grill arranged within the instrument panel.~~

10. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9, ~~further comprising in that wherein~~ the first folding package adjacent to the ventilation outlet has a smaller dimension than the second folding package and acts as a starting bubble for the pulling out of the second folding package when the airbag module is triggered.

11. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9 ~~further comprising in that~~ wherein the partition wall divides the folded airbag into the first and second folding packages.

12. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, ~~further comprising in that a holding device attaches the airbag module to the ventilation duct and for a motor vehicle having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind an instrument panel, and an airbag module which is fastened behind the instrument panel and having a gas generator and a folded airbag and further having a ventilation outlet opening which is closed by a grill, the assembly comprising the airbag module being attached to the ventilation duct by means of a holding device which fastens the airbag module to the interior of the instrument panel in such a manner that, when the airbag module is triggered, the airbag unfolds itself into the ventilation duct and from there unfolds out of the instrument panel through the ventilation outlet opening, the pressure of the unfolding airbag moving away the grill arranged within the instrument panel.~~

13. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, further comprising in that for a motor vehicle having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind an instrument panel, and an airbag module which is fastened behind the instrument panel and having a gas generator and a folded airbag and further having a ventilation outlet opening which is closed by a grill, and further having a cover [[covers]] covering and [[holds]] holding the airbag in the vicinity where the airbag module is connected to [[the]] a dividing wall of the ventilation duct, the dividing wall located adjacent to the airbag module and forming a housing wall for the airbag module, the airbag being folded into the housing, the assembly comprising the airbag being arranged adjacent to the ventilation duct in such a manner that, when the airbag module is triggered, [[and]] the cover opening when the airbag unfolds and lying down as protection between the airbag and edges of the ventilation outlet, and the airbag unfolding into the ventilation duct and from there unfolding out of the instrument panel through the ventilation outlet opening, the pressure of the unfolding airbag moving away the grill arranged within the instrument panel.

14. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim [[1]] 9 further comprising in that wherein predetermined breaking lines separate a segment of the instrument panel adjacent to the ventilation outlet from the remainder of the instrument panel so that the unfolding airbag separates the segments from the remainder of the instrument panel, and both the separated segment and the ventilation outlet form an escape hole for the airbag.